



MILILANI/ WAIPIO/ MELEMANU NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 25

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2006
MILILANI RECREATION CENTER III

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chair Poirier called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m., and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Poirier, Elizabeth Andrews, Ann Freed, B. Pua Iuli, Carole Siegel, Douglas Thomas, Andrew Garrett, Jessie Weinberger, David Bremer, Bill Brizee, Keith Hamada, T. Lulani Arquette, William Bass, Karen Loomis, Charlie Remington.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Grace Abatayo, Susan Hough, Linnel Nishioka, Josie Kaanehe, Mary Segura, Marie Abatayo, Noel Araki.

GUESTS: Roy Okumura, Sgt. Deborah Wilson (Honolulu Police Department – Equestrian Unit), Lt. Steven Nishihara (Honolulu Police Department – Wahiawa Station), Captain Bruno Samala and Firefighter Molina (Honolulu Fire Department-Mililani Station), Michelle Kidani (Mayor's Representative/Neighborhood Commission Office), John Higham and Pat Liu (Waiawa Development), Major Patrick Campbell and Major Phil Hughes (Schofield Barracks), Lei Furukawa (University of Phoenix), Lillian Koller (Governor's Representative/Department of Human Services), Chris Aguinaldo (Pacific Media Publishing), Pat Lee (Hi-Capacity Transit Corridor Project), Representative Marilyn Lee, Representative Ryan Yamane, Lori Kunioka (Councilmember Nestor Garcia's Office), Nola J. Frank (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

BOARD HOUSEKEEPING:

Election of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer: Thomas moved and seconded by Bremer to renominate the current slate of officers. for the 2006-2007 term. The motion carried unanimously.

- 1 Chair – Richard (Dick) Poirier
- 2 Vice Chair – Bill Bass
- 3 Secretary – Charlie Remington
- 4 Treasurer – Noel Araki

Recess – By unanimous consent the Board voted to recess in December 2006 and July 2007. Iuli mentioned since the November meeting is the day before Thanksgiving, could the meeting be held a week earlier. Chair Poirier replied the problem is there are no other meeting places available.

7:45 p.m. Weinberger arrived (15 members present).

Video Taping of Board Meetings – Freed moved and seconded by Siegel to have Bob Farrell video tape the Board's meetings.

Discussion followed: Weinberger asked what the monthly cost would be. Michelle Kidani of the Neighborhood Commission Office informed Poirier the cost would be \$208.00 per month.

The motion carried 13-2-0. Aye: Poirier, Andrews, Freed, Siegel, Thomas Garrett, Weinberger, Bremer, Brizee, Hamada, Arquette, Loomis, Remington; **Nay:** Bass and Iuli.

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES-MAY 26, 2006: Without objection the May 2006 regular meeting minutes were accepted as written.

COMMUNITY FORUM:

Honolulu Fire Department – Firefighter Molina gave the following report:



- 1) Statistics for the month of June included 6 structure, 3 brush, 1 rubbish, and 5 vehicle fires; 43 medical, 1 search/rescue. 8 miscellaneous response calls.
- 2) Fire Safety Tip: Take the time to childproof you home, especially since keiki are on summer vacation. Check for potentially dangerous situations, i.e., electrical shock, accidental falls, or poisoning from medications, cleaning fluids, and houseplants. Keep matches and lighters in a safe place and out of the reach of small children.

Captain Samala and Firefighter Molina were thanked for attending the meeting.

Honolulu Police Department – Lt. Nishihara reported the following:

- 1) Statistics for the month of May included burglary 17, UEMV (unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle) 19, auto theft 17, and theft 24; June statistics included burglary 28, UEMV 24, auto theft 28, and theft 42.
- 2) Highlights:
 - o June 28, 2006 an anonymous person reported a suspicious vehicle that appeared to be “casing” the area in Mililani Mauka. Responding units located the vehicle, which took off when officers attempted to approach, and was followed to Waikele and stopped. Officers discovered the vehicle contained numerous items taken from several Mililani burglaries. The occupants were subsequently arrested for burglary, UCPV (unauthorized control of a propelled vehicle), outstanding warrants, drug offenses and other offenses. They are suspected of numerous property crimes (burglaries, auto thefts, and UEMV’s) in the Mililani area. Arrested and charged were: 24 year old Mililani male; 29 year old Ewa Beach male, 15 year old Waipio Gentry boy.
 - o June 14, 2006 witnesses reported a male peering into windows of other residents at the Mililani Parkway townhouse complex. Police were called, the 31-year-old male with a McCully address was located, detained, and positively identified by the witness, and subsequently arrested and charged for Violation of Privacy in the second degree. It was noted for the past 15 years there have been occasional complaints of a “peeping tom” at this townhouse complex. It is believed that this male is responsible for those prior complaints.

Questions, answers and comments: A peeping tom would not be put on the sex offender list unless he commits a sex crime.

Lt. Nishihara was thanked for attending the meeting.

Military – Major Patrick Campbell announced this would be his last meeting, and introduced his replacement Major Phil Hughes. He reported deployments to Iraq should be completed the end of August.

Major Hughes said he is looking forward to attending Board meetings and has a vested interest because he is also a Mililani resident.

Major Patrick Campbell and Major Phil Hughes were thanked for attending the meeting.

O’ahu Arts Center – Charlie Remington reminded everyone of the Night of the Arts, Saturday, August 26, 2006. Tickets are \$50.00.

Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project – Pat Lee reported that the next scheduled meeting for Central O’ahu is on August 8, 2006. He apologized that he was just informed the meeting would not take place at Mililani High School as planned, because of a conflict with the school’s schedule. The date will be the same and notification of the meeting place will be announced as soon as one is found.

Other Community Concerns:

Resident Roy Okumura was seeking Board assistance with the problem of a recently installed extended “no parking” sign at the intersection of Kuahelani Avenue and Kahoea Street. The new curbing to the light pole on

Kahoea Street is seventy-four feet and encompasses his driveway. His opinion is that the area poses no safety problems. Okumura asked if he would be liable if his truck gets hit while parked in the “no parking” area to open the gate to his driveway. The sign on the light pole is forty-one feet and three-inches from his driveway. Also, due to ADA compliance the stop line has been pulled back five-feet. He recommended the sign be moved to the opposite side of Kahoea Street.

Questions, answers and comments:

- 1) Thomas asked if this is common practice to put these “no parking” signs. Okumura responded, per a phone conversation with Alton Mitsuyuki of the Department of Transportation Services, the signage was put up per the request of this Neighborhood Board.
- 2) Okumura added why install “no parking “ signs in an area that poses no safety issue. He said he has no problem with the signs posted at the intersection of Kohea Street and Kuahealani Avenue because of the hazardous conditions for drivers turning left from Kohea Street. Okumura stated his main concern is liability for him.
- 3) Chair Poirier mentioned the signage was recommended by Board member Selander who is not present this evening. The issue was referred to Mayor’s representative Michelle Kidani and Lori Kunioka of Council member Nestor Garcia’s office to check on ramifications.
- 4) According to Okumura, Mitsuyuki told him a stop work order was issued, but the “no parking signs, but the signs went up anyway.
- 5) Hamada commented it looks as though the signs were put up because a pole was already there.
- 6) Chair Poirier said he would wait for the reports from County officials.

PUBLIC FORUM:

An Update on University of Phoenix Offerings – Lei Furukawa, Business Development Specialist for the University of Phoenix, invited the Mililani community to an open house of the Mililani campus, Wednesday, August 9, 2006, Town Center of Mililani, 95-1249 Meheula Parkway, Suite E-1. To reserve your seat call 536-2686 ext. 35180 or 585-1087 or email her at www.LeiFurukawa@phoenix.edu.

A short power point presentation was shown highlighting the university and programs offered for adults.

Questions, answers and comments:

Enrollment at all the university’s campuses is approximately 1,200. Classes are small with approximately 15 students per class. Schedules are created to accommodate the students. Students earn three credits per class and all credit must meet the College Board requirements.

Lei Furukawa was thanked for attending the meeting.

An Update on Locating the Honolulu Police Department’s (HPD) Equestrian Unit to the Central O’ahu Regional Park: Sgt. Deborah Wilson of the Honolulu Police Department’s Equestrian Unit presented the following:

Former Chief of Police Lee Donoue started the full time HPD Equestrian Unit in 2002. The horses are her full time job and priority. The unit provides positive police presence with search capabilities, crowd control, ceremonial funeral, parades, educational programs for schools, etc., and is presently participating in the “Say Hi Program”. The unit is currently housed in a private (rented) stable in Waimanalo.

Similar to mainland units, HPD would like to establish the unit in a huge City park on O’ahu. Sgt. Wilson asked for support of the unit’s request to be housed in the Central O’ahu Regional Park. The park has many activities and also issues, and hopes for a huge crime deterrence. The Central O’ahu Regional Park location would be a benefit to the community, the Mounting Unit and HPD.

Questions, answers and comments:

- 1) Remington asked if the residents of the nearby townhouses were spoken to. Sgt. Wilson replied the stable would be away from the townhouses.
- 2) The unit currently has eight horses but would double the amount of horses. She believes ten to twelve stables should be run on O'ahu.
- 3) Chair Poirier mentioned the Board would take up a resolution relative to the matter later in the meeting under new business.

Sgt. Deborah Wilson was thanked for attending the meeting.

An Update on the Proposed Waiawa Development – Pat Liu introduced John Higham of the Waiawa Development, and gave the following update:

- 1) The Waiawa Development will be located mauka of the H-2 Freeway, across from Sea View, Crestview, Pearl City and Manana, and adjacent to Castle & Cooke to the west. This project, which has been in the works for 20 years, is like building a new city complex.
- 2) The plan proposes 10,000 units on 3,600 acres of land, along with schools, parks, a job center, recreational amenities, two golf courses, etc. Ka Uka Boulevard is the planned entrance access. Phase I will include approximately 5,000 housing units on approximately 1,000 acres.
- 3) Regarding schools, Waiawa Development is working on the plans with the Department of Education (DOE). An agreement with the DOE has recently been made. According to the DOE the development would need three elementary schools, one middle school, and one high school all to be located in Waiawa. Because the developer would like the schools to be built early on in the project, the elementary and middle schools will be built during the early stages of the development.

John Higham, engineer for the Waiawa Development, explained the following:

- 1) Waiawa Development is located on land owned by Kamehameha Schools and has a joint venture with Alexander & Baldwin. It would not be until 2009 before the first house is built.
- 2) Ka Uka Boulevard would be extended for the entryway. The existing H-1 and H-2 Freeway splits would be evaluated with proposed improvements at congestion points. There are seven planned improvement components.
- 3) Waiawa Development is fully prepared to finance the interchange project if need be.
- 4) The project will be primarily residential market with some affordable homes.

Questions, answers and comments followed:

- 1) Bremer commented the congestion in the area is from the freeway not at the Ka Uka interchange. He asked what would happen when more people are added. Higham did not have an answer at this time. Bremer added he has given up his car for a bicycle.
- 2) Bass questioned how closely the Waiawa Development is working with the Koa Ridge Development people. It seems both developers are focusing on the same street (Ka Uka Boulevard). Higham replied it would be a shared area. His understanding is that Koa Ridge is still working on the plans.
- 3) In response to Thomas, Kamehameha Schools Bishop Estate will retain ownership of the golf course and retail properties.
- 4) Freed expressed concerns that so much land is being utilized for development and there is a lack of space for agriculture. Other concerns are density, where building should be built up, consideration for green energy for new homes being built. The response was plans are still being worked on.

- 5) In response to a question posed was the definition of affordable housing is 80% or less and 120% of the medium income.
- 6) A comment was made that at a Castle & Cooke forum, the Department of Education (DOE) told them not to build a school that was in their plans. It was noted the community is skeptical when it comes to schools.
- 7) Thomas asked when Highham found out about the H-2 Freeway widening, being that he had not heard anything about it. The response was that specifics could not be mentioned tonight. Due to the configuration of the golf courses, the off-ramp would be extended further town bound. Part of the Waipio change improvements is privately funded.
- 8) Luli asked what the timeline would be and would the highway shoulder be taken away. In response, part of the shoulder and the median would be removed. Luli stated that traffic would be so bad backing up cars to the overpass.
- 9) Chair Poirier stated traffic would be worse than the Kapolei-Waianae traffic. There are just too many what if's and there will be just too many cars and people. He noted \$1 million asked of the Governor of a study must be done now, or else it will not work. It was suggested to look at the cumulative impact by having a meeting with Castle & Cooke, the State Department of Transportation, City Department of Transportation Services (Rapid Transit), and the community for discussion and input. Highham agreed.
- 10) Thomas commented it was mentioned that 10,000 units would be built, but according to the Central O'ahu Sustainable Plan it shows 12,000 units. Highham responded Waiawa Development is not anticipating reaching the upper number of units.
- 11) Brizee relayed that on the mainland they have four-leaf clover intersections. For some reason, Hawaii cannot figure out how to apply contemporary engineering design principles. He noted, do not take this wrong, but the intersection is ugly and should not have left-turns coming out of the intersection. Only right turns should be permitted, which would help the drivers and development. The right turn should be made for the Waiawa residents, but not others.
- 12) Luli inquired if the commercial development would be constructed first. The response was probably not because they are working with a mainland developer.
- 13) Weinberger asked if there are any plans for irrigation using non-potable water. The answer was initially the golf courses would be using ground water from the underground wells.
- 14) Chair Poirier stated per the traffic engineers the H-1 and H-2 freeways are inadequate. It is time to redesign and bring the parties together. This issue was referred to Governor's representative Lillian Koller to have funding for a study released by Governor Lingle.

REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

Mayor's Representative – Michelle Kidani gave the following report:

- 1) Copies of the Mayor's "Honolulu News" were circulated for interested persons to review.
- 2) The Honolulu Municipal Building has been dedicated and renamed the Frank F. Fasi Municipal Building.
- 3) Mayor Hannemann has been appointed by the U.S. Conference of Mayors to head its standing Committee on Tourism, Arts, Parks, Entertainment and Sports. He was also elected to be on the Advisory Board of the Conference of Mayors.
- 4) Follow up to previous concerns:

The vandalized trashcan at Waena Park was replaced on June 5, 2006.

The big banyan tree that was removed (near the entrance to Waena Park off Naholoholo) was encroaching on an adjacent property. The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) does not consider this particular location a suitable site for a replacement tree.

DPR does not have any plans to conduct a dedication ceremony at the Waena Courts. Should the Board wish to plan a dedication, DPR can assist.

DPR staff has been advised to take pictures before painting over graffiti.

Questions, answers and comments:

- 1) Follow up will be done to replace the banyan tree removed from Waena Park to near the restroom area as there is no shade there.
- 2) Follow up will be regarding the purpose of the U.S. Conference of Mayors Committees on Tourism, Arts, Parks, Entertainment, and Sports.
- 3) Follow up will be done relative to why concrete bus pads were put on Lanikuhana Avenue when the majority of bus traffic is on Meheula Parkway. Lori Kunioka of Councilmember Nestor Garcia's office responded that it was part of a street resurfacing project. Loomis added there are no passengers on the express bus when it reaches the bus pad on Lanikuhana Avenue.

Weinberger stated no one tells the community what is going on. Kunioka replied she keeps the Board abreast of area projects.

- 4) Follow up will be done regarding the need to locate another trash can at the Waena tennis courts.
- 5) Follow up will be done about the water from the water sprinklers getting onto the new tennis courts at Waena Park. The District Park courts have not been repaired from damage caused from the sprinkler system.
- 6) Follow up will be done regarding illegal business activity on Waimakua Drive, with commercial vehicles blocking sidewalks, which causes pedestrians to walk on the roadway.
- 7) Follow up will be done regarding the large pothole on Meheula Parkway near the Mililani Town Center Burger King driveway.
- 8) Once the Transit Center opens, the buses will stop on Meheula Parkway.

Michelle Kidani was thanked for attending the meeting.

Councilmember Nestor Garcia – Lori Kunioka distributed the monthly written report and highlighted/added the following:

- 1) Kunioka had nothing to add to the written report.
- 2) Councilmember Garcia has put in for money for road resurfacing.

Questions, answers and comments:

Luli thanked Mililani High School for allow the use of the football field for this year's Mililani "Relay for Life."

Lori Kunioka was thanked for attending the meeting.

Governor's Representative – Lillian Koller circulated Governor Lingle's Update and copies of the Hawaii 2006 Drug Control Plan Report, and reported the following:

The Department of Human Services (DHS) has reached the regional finalist on a national level. See How Hawaii Works is a new program for welfare recipients assisting them to get back into the workforce.

Private companies who wish to participate will hire and train a person for six months to a year, paying minimum wage plus 14%, which is reimbursed by the State. A presentation relative to this new program is scheduled for August 12, 2006.

Questions, answers and comments:

- 1) Follow up will be done with Rod Haraga, Director of the State Department of Transportation (DOT) relative to the \$1 million for a study on transportation solutions in the Mililani area. Representative Lee added a H-2 Freeway Zipper Lane study in this year's budget. Representative Yamane noted that part of the money is for the library.
- 2) Relative to "See How Hawaii Works", Arquette asked what does the employee have to commit to. In response, put the person being trained on the payroll, and the State will reimburse the employer within five days; provide a job coach; there is no obligation to permanently hire the trainee. DHS will pay for any expenses needed by the trainee.

Lillian Koller was thanked for attending the meeting.

Senator Ron Menor – No representative was present.

Representative Marilyn Lee – Representative Lee distributed her monthly Community Report, with attachments relative to the Mililani High School Ten Classroom Building, 2006 Military Appreciation Legislative Package, and a checklist for hurricanes, tropical storms, and any major disaster preparedness.

- 1) Copies of her newsletter were available for interested persons to review.
- 2) The Mililani Town Association's "National Night Out" will be happening on Tuesday, August 1, 2006 at Mililani Recreation Center V. Pre-sale bentos are \$5.00.

Representative Marilyn Lee was thanked for attending the meeting.

Representative Ryan Yamane – Representative Yamane circulated his newsletter and highlighted/added the following:

- 1) The 2050 Sustainability Task Force kick-off event, Saturday, August 26, 2006 Dole Cannery Ballroom, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.; reception from 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- 2) "Aloha Aina Earth Day # 18", recycling community clean-up project a fundraiser for Mililani High School is scheduled for Saturday, August 12, 2006, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. All proceeds will go to the school's athletic department.

Representative Ryan Yamane was thanked for attending the meeting.

COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS:

Solid Waste/Hickam POL – Jessie Weinberger reported the cleaning of the pipelines from Mililani to Wheeler Air Force Base is almost complete.

Chair Poirier asked if the mailing list could be updated.

Chair's Report – Chair Poirier reported there are Board members who have resigned (one seat in subdistrict 1) or who have not been attending meetings regularly (one at-large seat and one seat in subdistrict 4). This causes quorum and voting problems.

Remington moved and Thomas seconded that one at-large seat, one seat in subdistrict 1, and one seat in subdistrict 4 be vacated because of resignations or failure to attend five or more meetings last year and that these vacancies be filled at the Board's September meeting. The motion carried unanimously, 15-0-0

There were no other Committee Reports.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution Requesting the Adoption of An Adequate Public Facility Ordinance for Central O'ahu (attached):

Bass moved and seconded by Freed requesting that the City and County of Honolulu adopt an adequate public facilities ordinance (APFO) for Central/Leeward O'ahu and for the State of Hawaii to support this effort.

The motion carried unanimously, 15-0-0.

Resolution Requesting Additional Information Regarding the Proposed Waiawa Development Project (attached):

Thomas moved and seconded by Arquette in support of this resolution. The motion carried 15-0-0.

Resolution in Support of Locating the Honolulu Police Department's Equestrian Unit to the Central O'ahu Regional Park (attached):

Remington moved and seconded by Bass that the Mililani/Waipio/Melemanu Neighborhood Board No. 25 strongly urges the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, with the support of the City Council, to relocate the mounted unit to Central O'ahu Regional Park at the earliest opportunity, and that the Chief of Police and Director of Parks and Recreation be encouraged to quickly agree on an implementation strategy effect such relocation.

The motion carried unanimously, 15-0-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ❖ The next Board meeting will be on Wednesday, September 27, 2006, at Mililani Recreation Center III, at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Poirier adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Submitted by, Nola J. Frank
Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by Chair Dick Poirier